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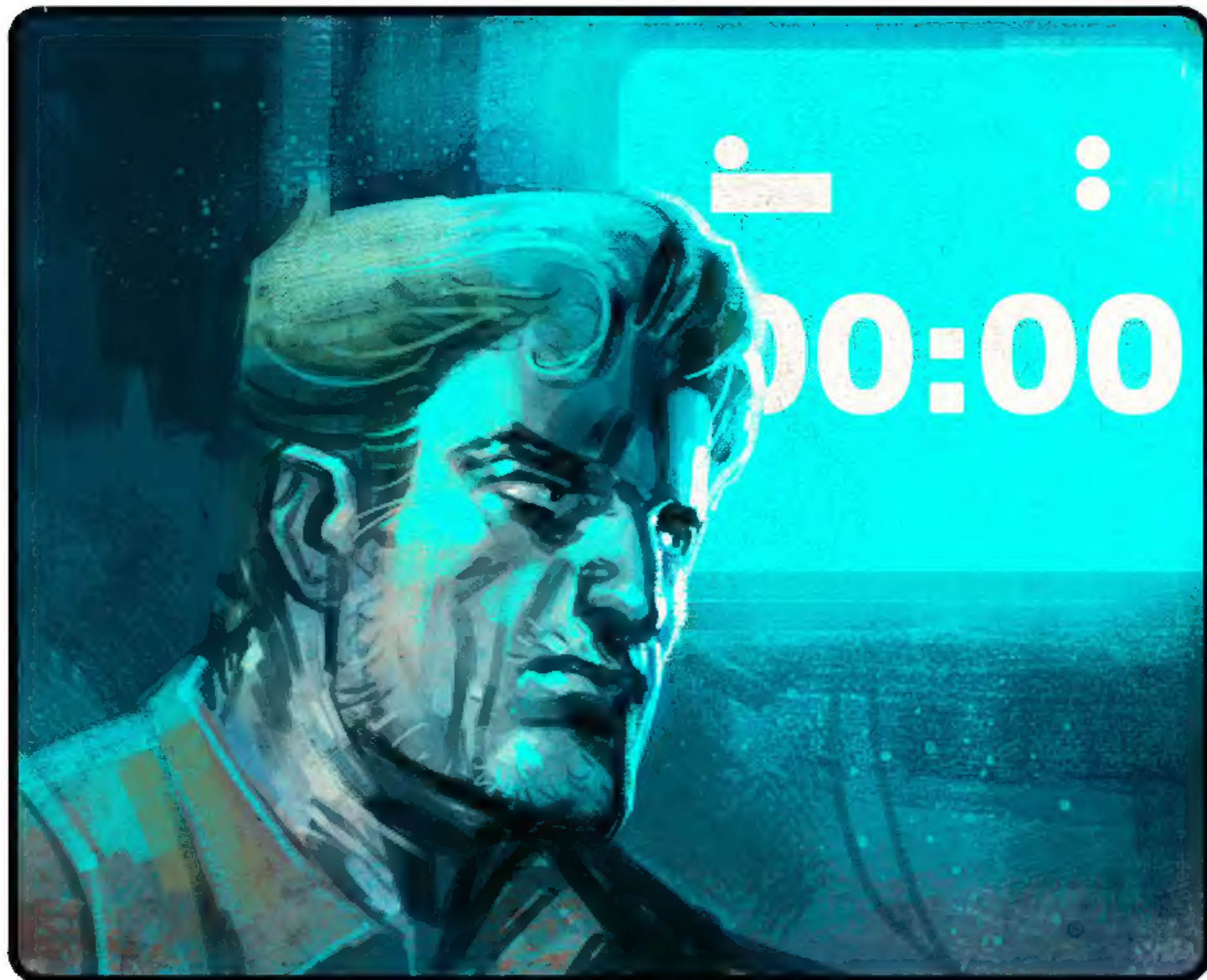
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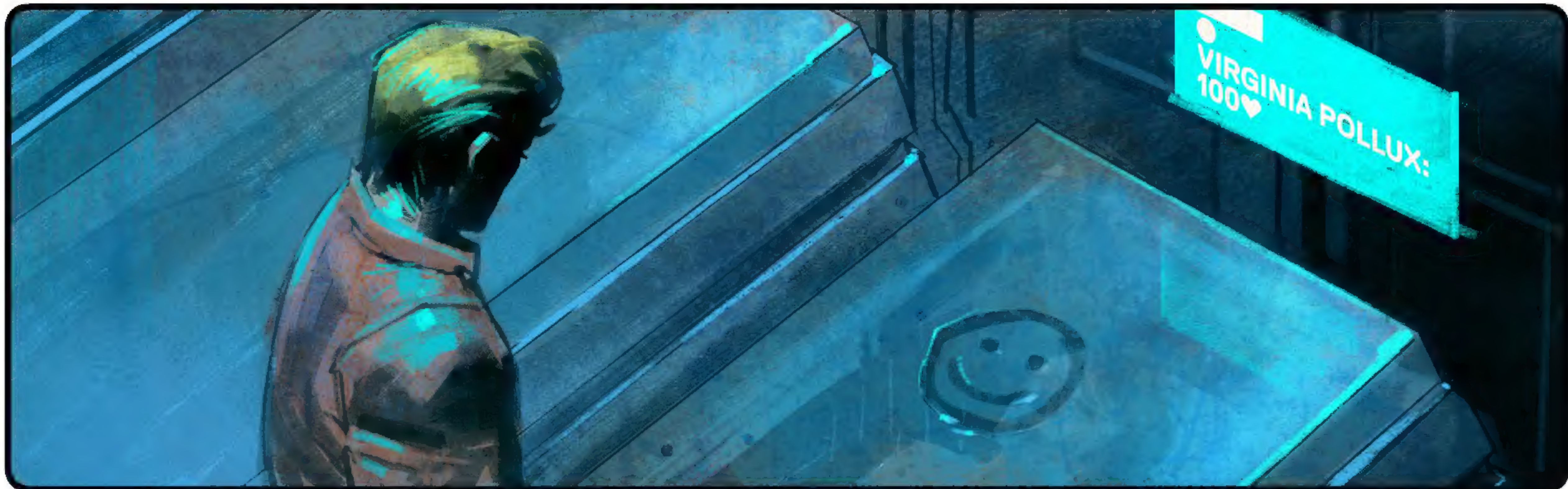


ONE  
YEAR  
AGO

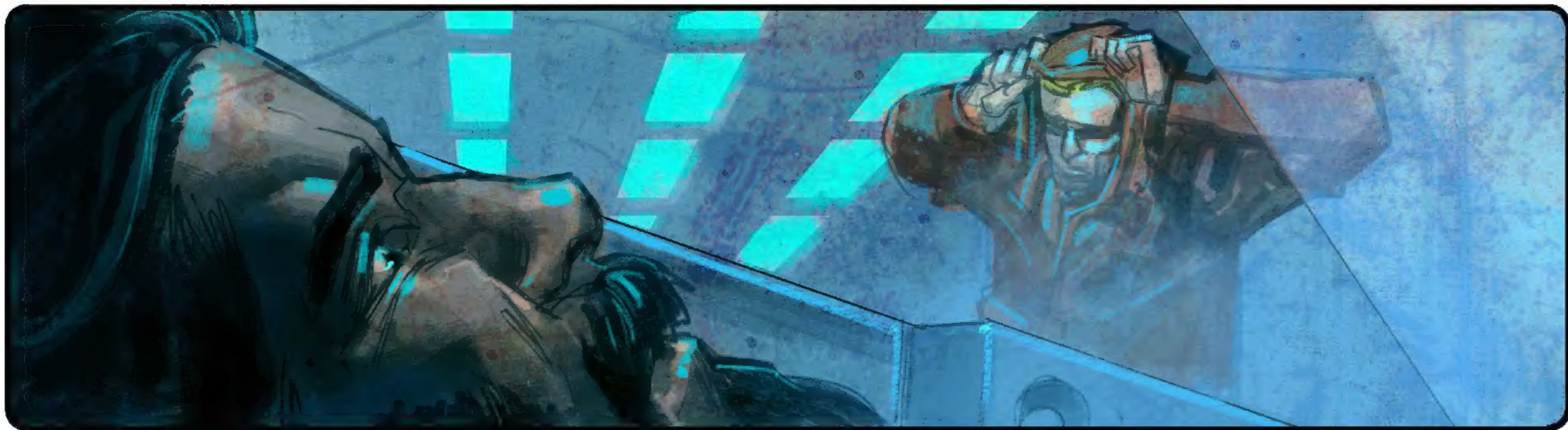
















ENJOY  
YOUR  
NAP.

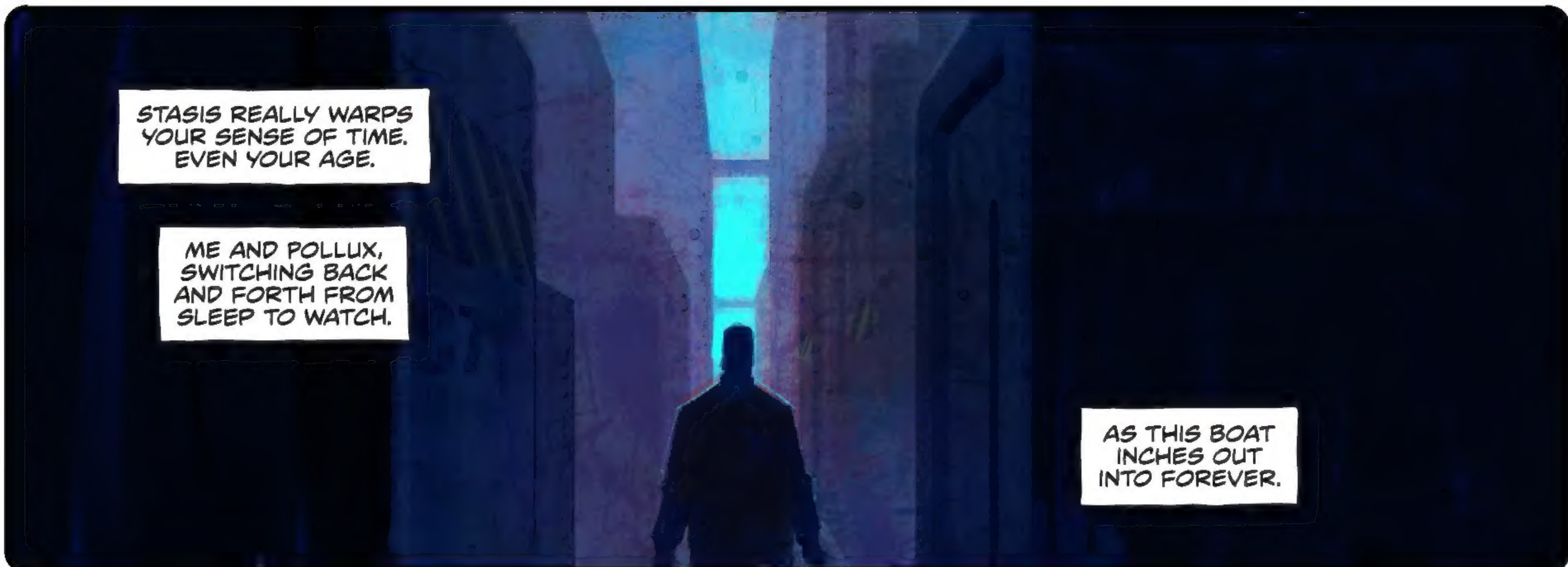
BELL EMERICH:  
TRANSFERRING

NENG  
100%



S'POSED TO TRACK  
THE YEARS. IT'S ON MY  
LIST OF THINGS TO DO.

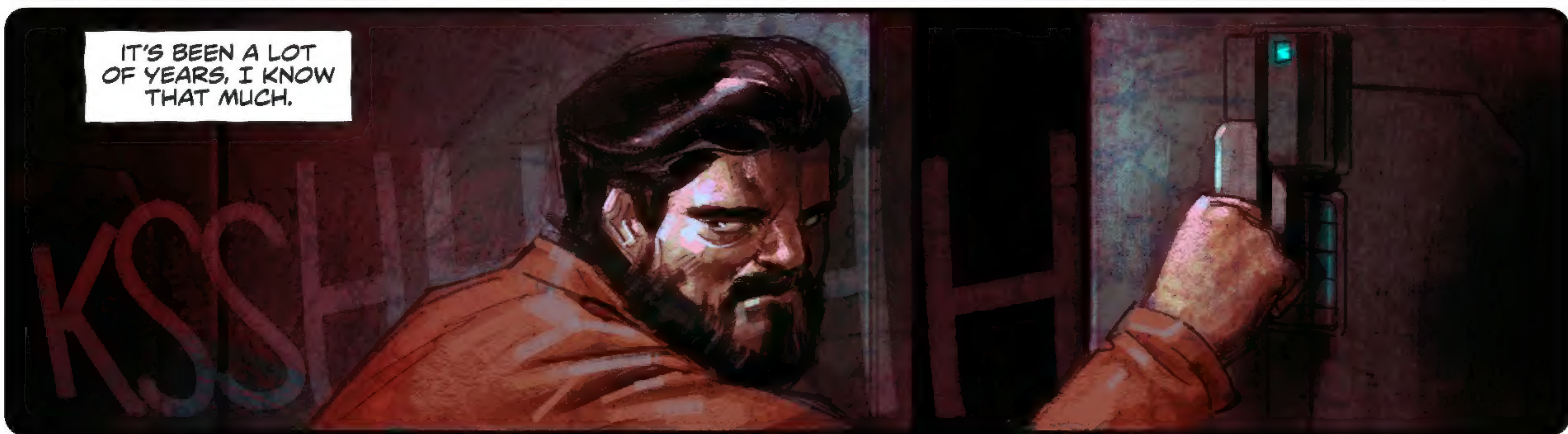
LET'S CALL  
THIS LOG  
STARDATE: TBD.



STASIS REALLY WARPS  
YOUR SENSE OF TIME.  
EVEN YOUR AGE.

ME AND POLLUX,  
SWITCHING BACK  
AND FORTH FROM  
SLEEP TO WATCH.

AS THIS BOAT  
INCHES OUT  
INTO FOREVER.



IT'S BEEN A LOT  
OF YEARS, I KNOW  
THAT MUCH.



WHOLE SHIP IN  
COLD SLEEP,  
ME ALONE.

GET ON THE  
GROUND WITH  
BOTH YOUR  
HANDS UP.





BROUGHT  
YOU THAT  
DRINK.



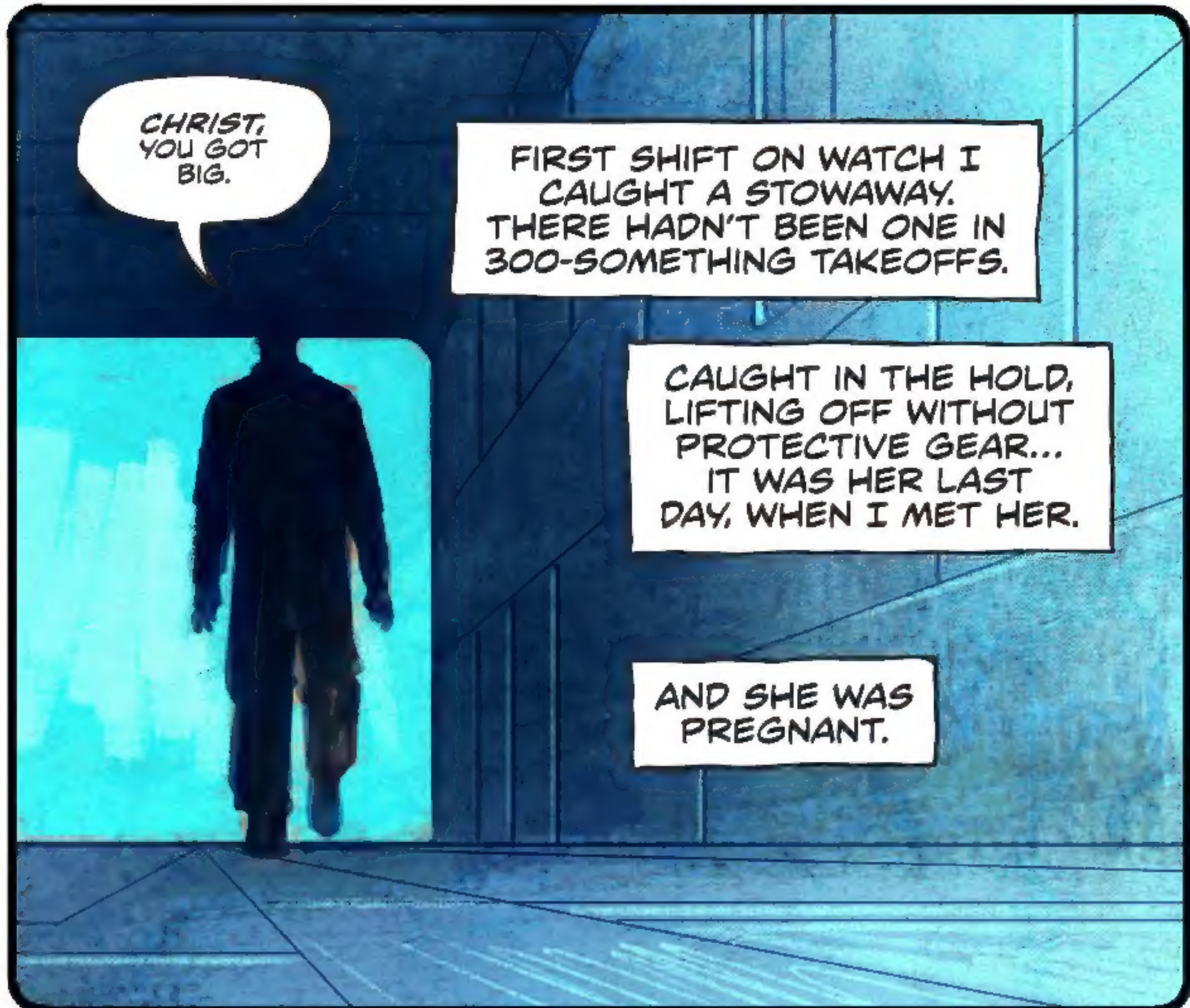
FELT LIKE A YEAR  
THIS TIME. ALL I  
HEAR IS SOUNDS  
TO MAKE ME  
CRAZY.

JUST A COUPLE  
MONTHS, SAME AS  
ALWAYS. YOUR DAYS  
WON'T FEEL SO LONG  
WHEN YOU GET  
OLDER.

I KNOW IT'S  
HARD. YOU WANNA  
GET OUT, STRETCH  
OUR LEGS?



SLOW DOWN AND  
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE  
STEPPING! YOU'LL PUT  
AN EYE OUT AND I'LL  
HAVE TO GIVE YOU  
ONE OF MINE!

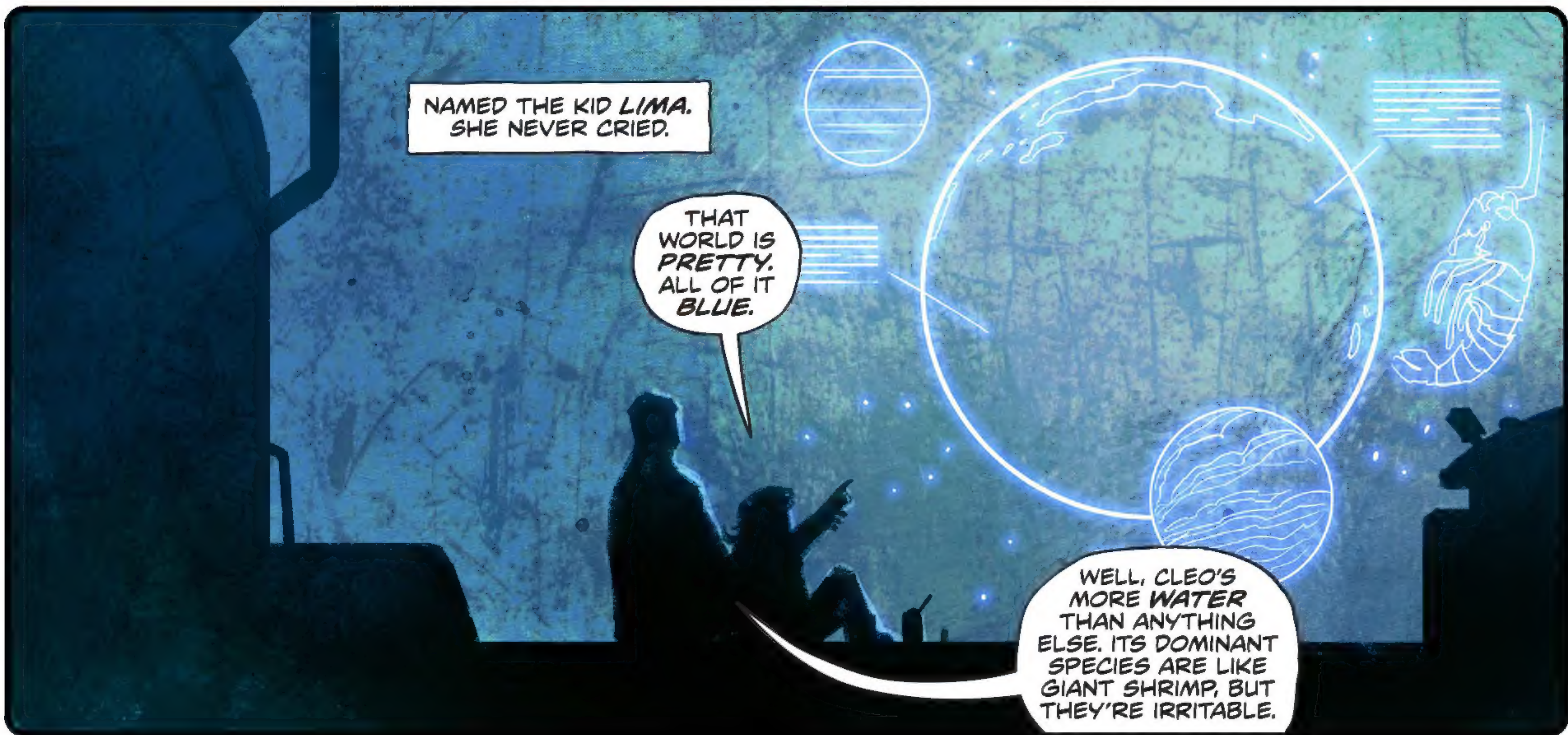


CHRIST,  
YOU GOT  
BIG.

FIRST SHIFT ON WATCH I  
CAUGHT A STOWAWAY.  
THERE HADN'T BEEN ONE IN  
300-SOMETHING TAKEOFFS.

CAUGHT IN THE HOLD,  
LIFTING OFF WITHOUT  
PROTECTIVE GEAR...  
IT WAS HER LAST  
DAY, WHEN I MET HER.

AND SHE WAS  
PREGNANT.

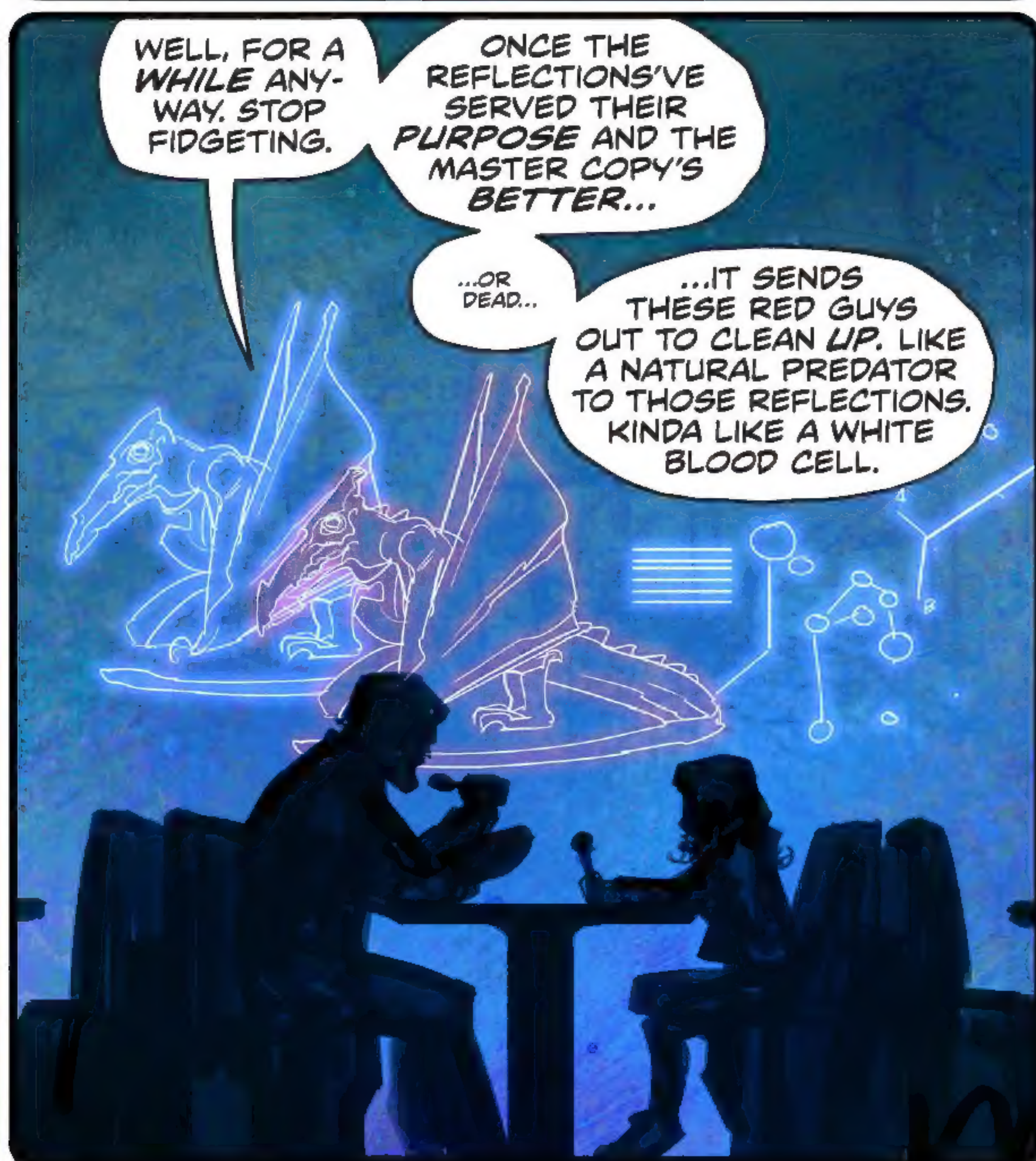
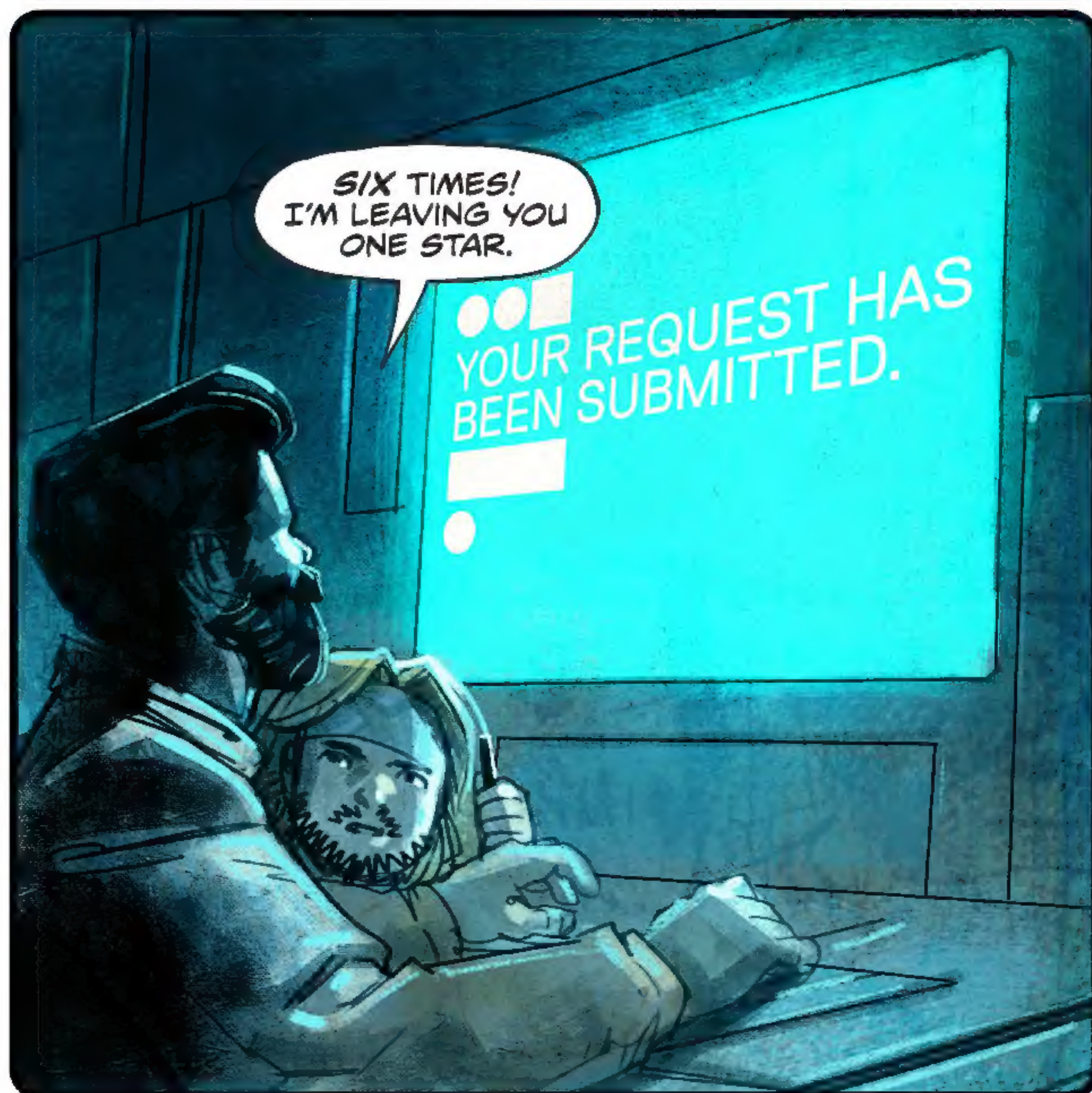
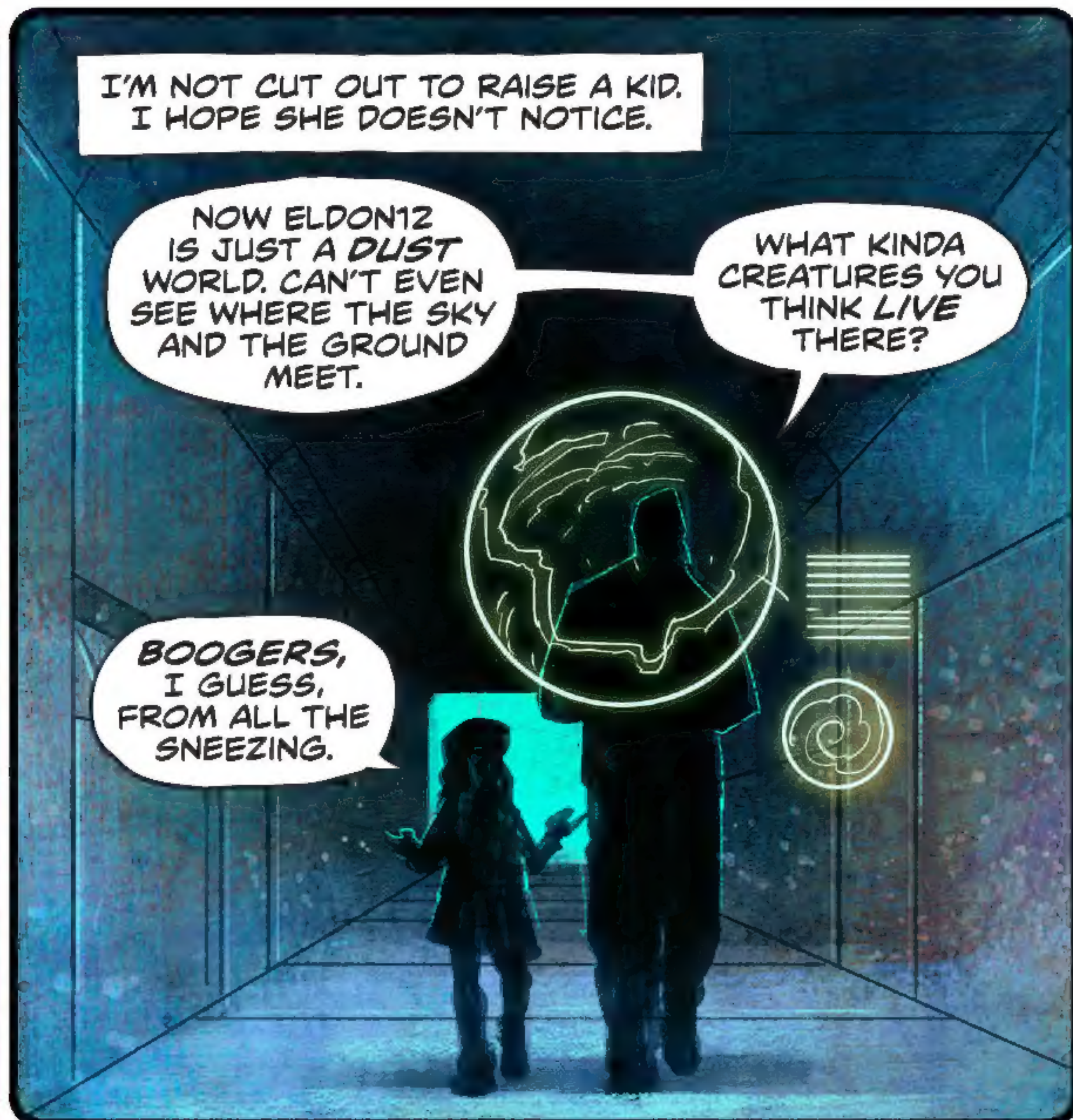
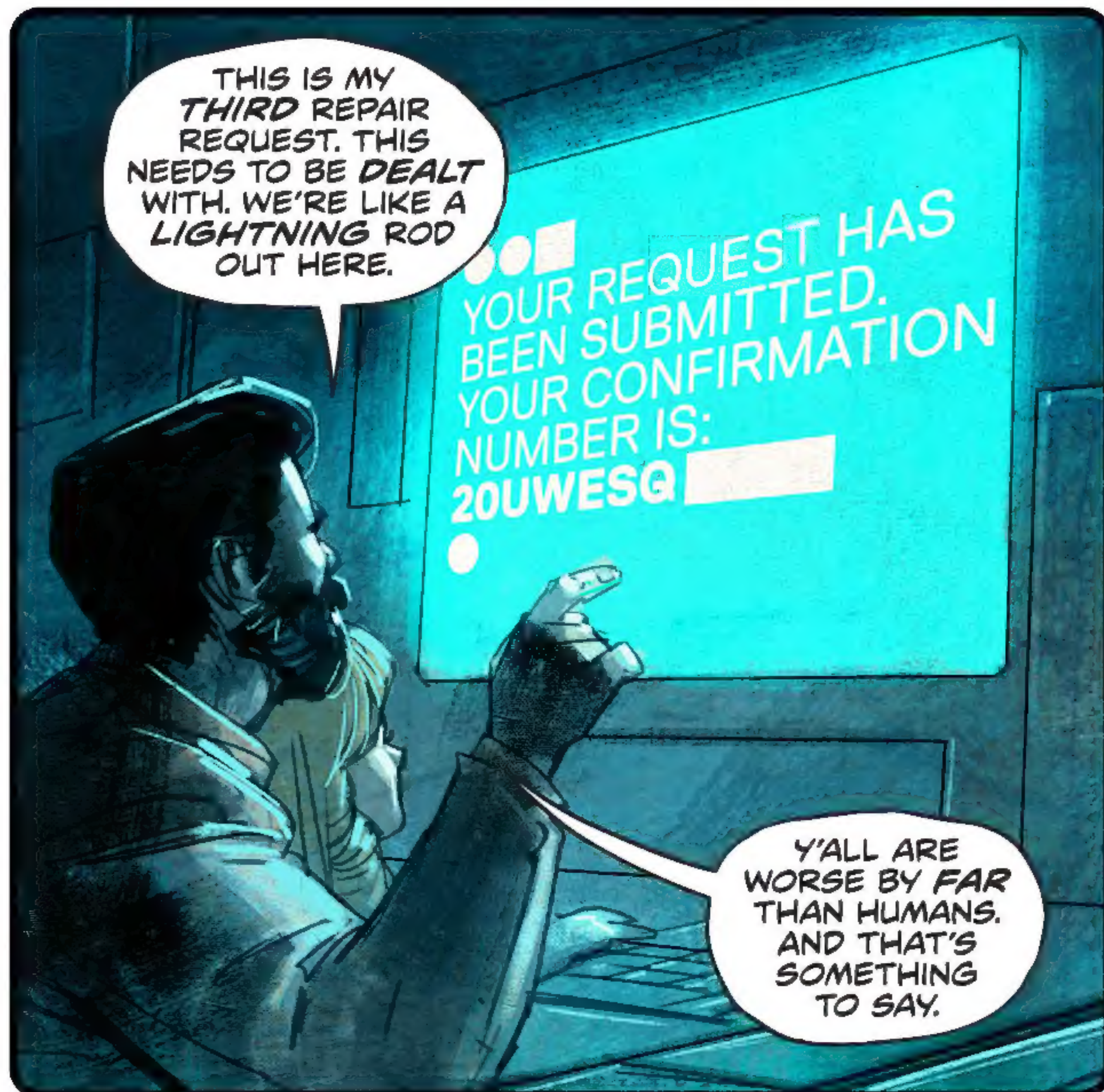


NAMED THE KID LIMA.  
SHE NEVER CRIED.

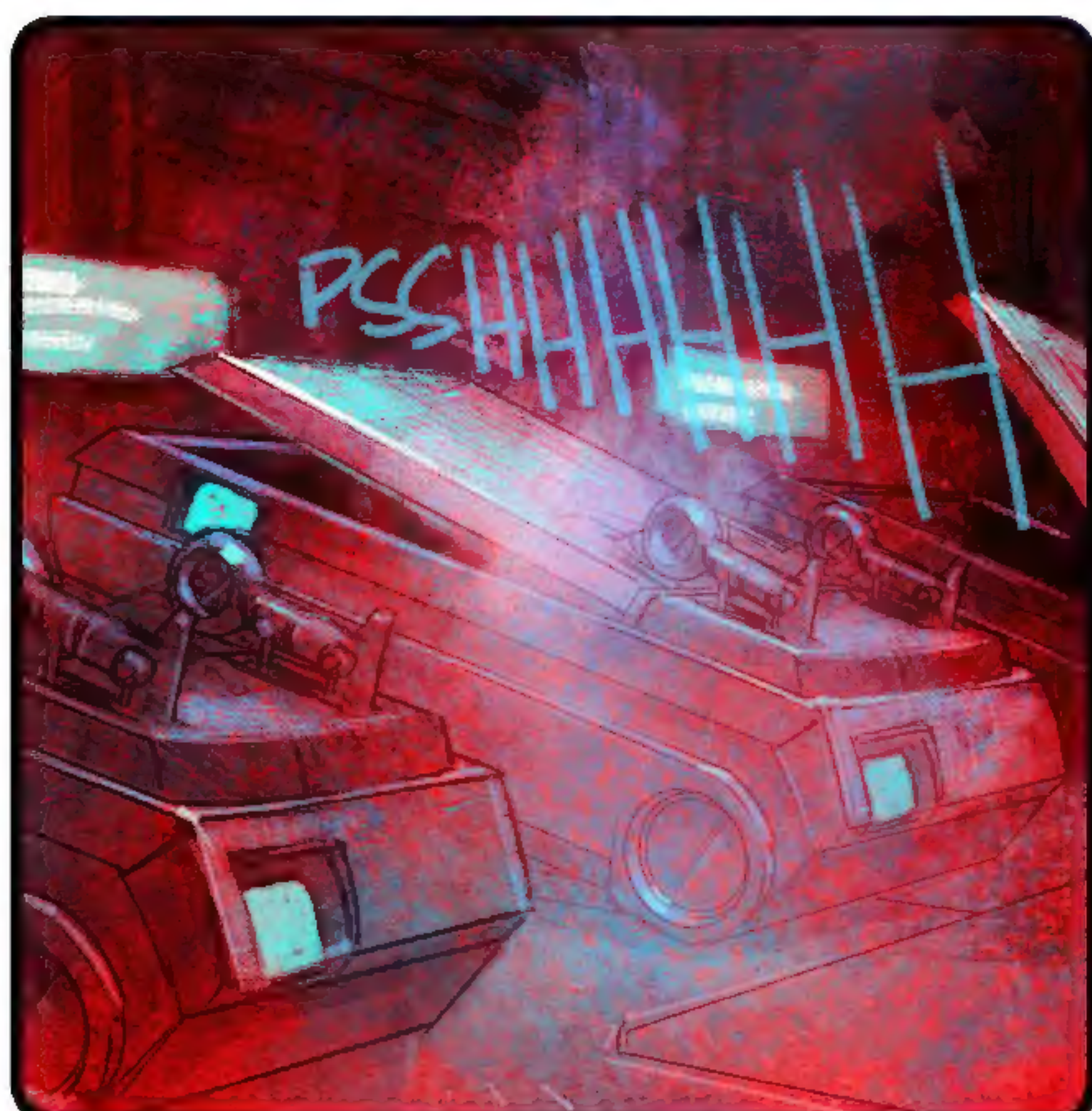
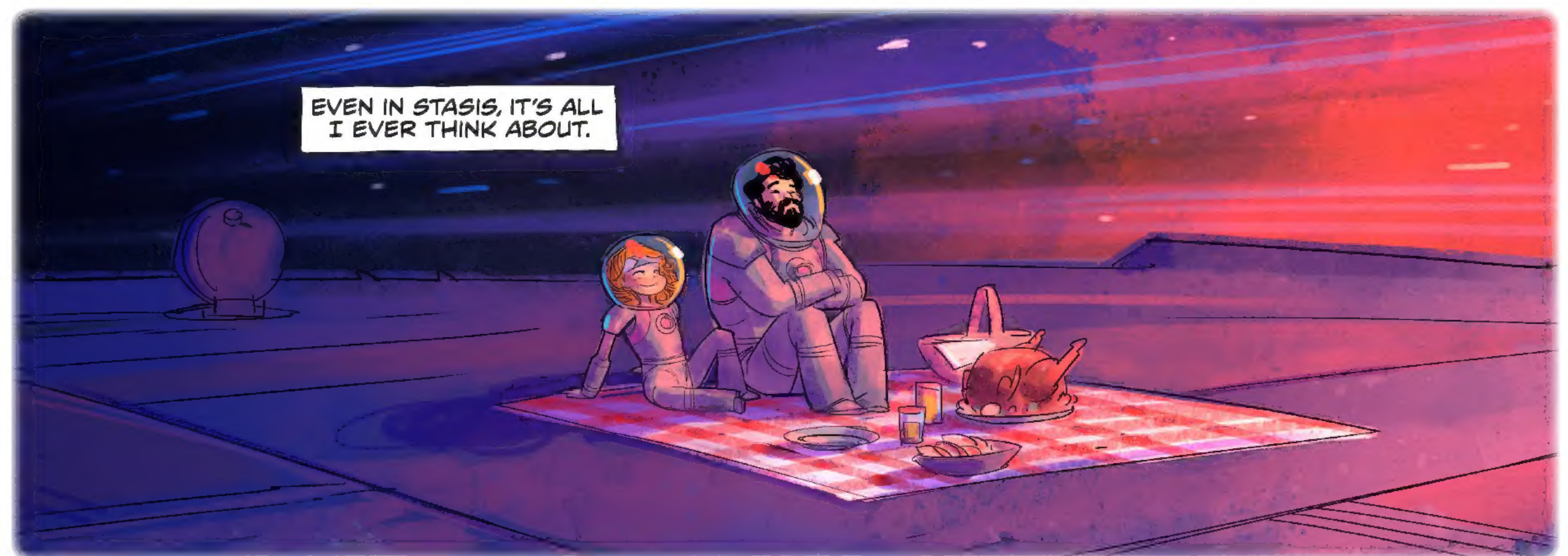
THAT  
WORLD IS  
PRETTY.  
ALL OF IT  
BLUE.

WELL, CLEO'S  
MORE WATER  
THAN ANYTHING  
ELSE. ITS DOMINANT  
SPECIES ARE LIKE  
GIANT SHRIMP, BUT  
THEY'RE IRRITABLE.





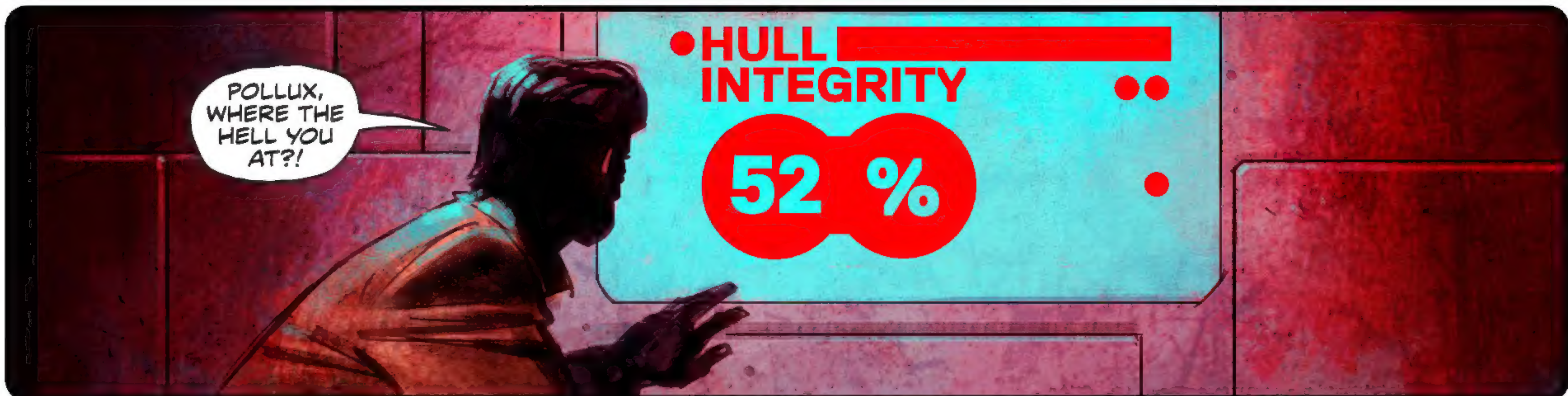








I FELT THE HIT  
SO HARD MY GUTS  
TURNED OVER.



POLLUX,  
WHERE THE  
HELL YOU  
AT?!

• **HULL**  
**INTEGRITY**

**52 %**



I'M SCARED,  
EMMERICH. THE  
WHOLE PLACE  
IS SMASHED!

I DON'T  
LIKE THOSE  
SOUNDS, THEY  
BEEN GOING  
ALL DAY.

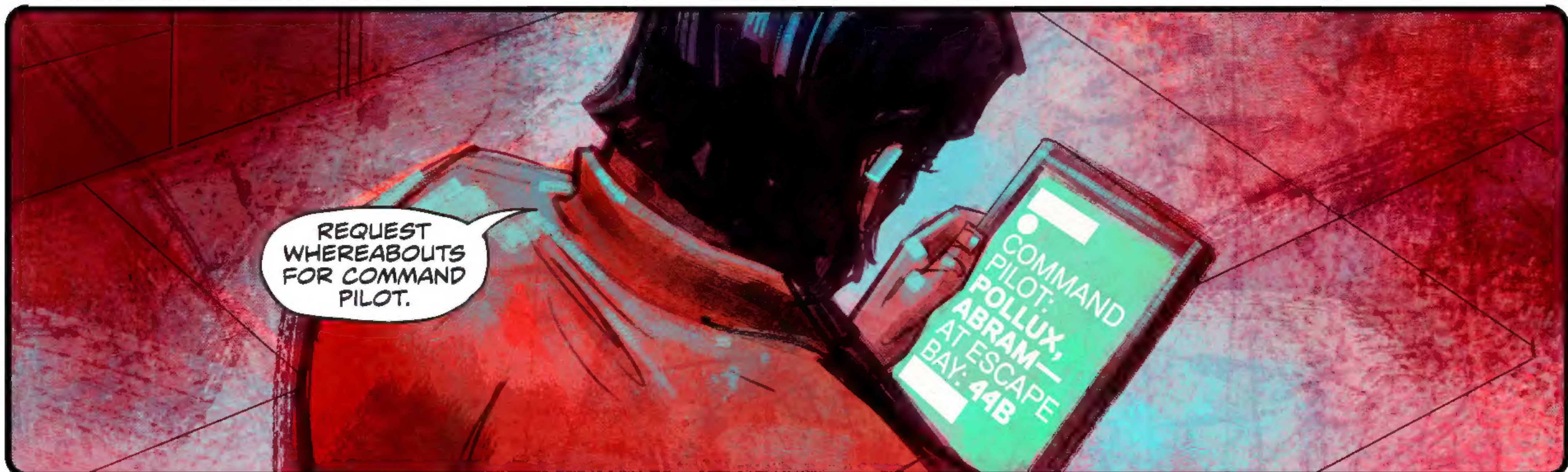
I NEED  
YOU TO STAY  
HERE, ALL RIGHT?  
I HAVE TO FIGURE  
OUT WHAT  
HAPPENED.



PLEASE  
DON'T LEAVE  
ME HERE.

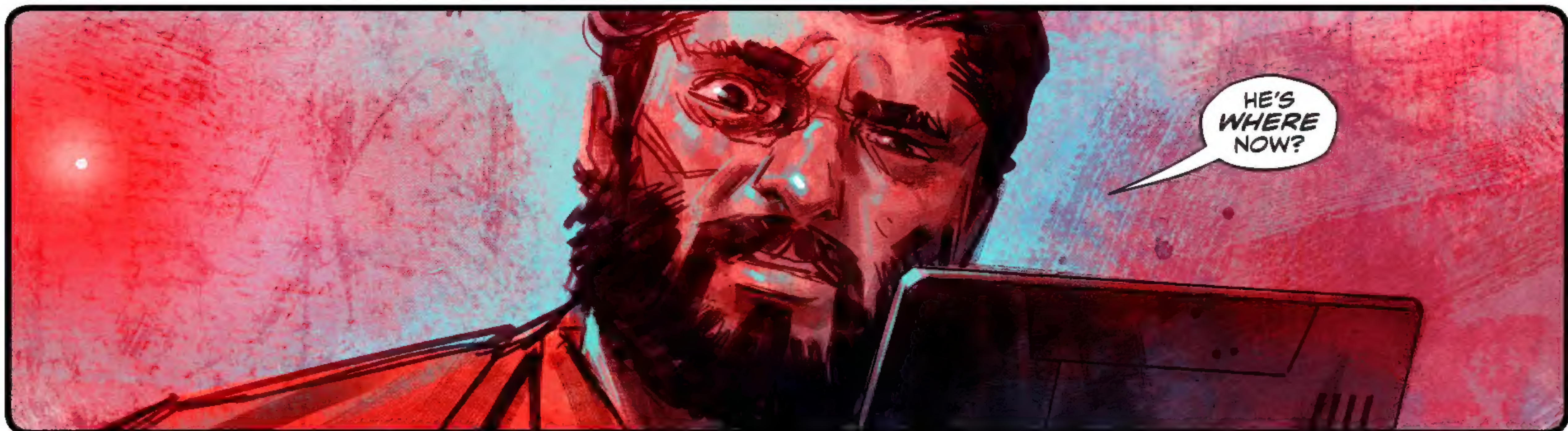
I WON'T.  
I'M GONNA FIX  
ALL THIS.

TONIGHT  
I'LL TELL  
YOU ABOUT  
EARTH.



REQUEST  
WHEREABOUTS  
FOR COMMAND  
PILOT.

• **COMMAND**  
**PILOT:**  
**POLLUX,**  
**ABRAM,**  
**AT ESCAPE**  
**BAY: 44B**

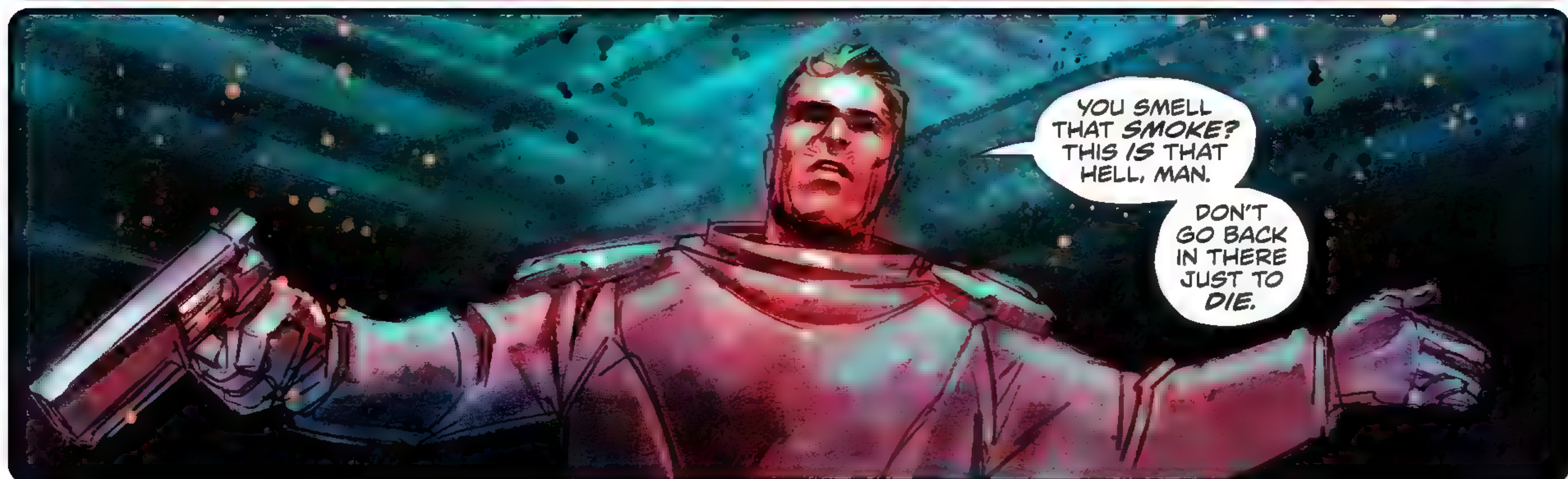


HE'S  
WHERE  
NOW?








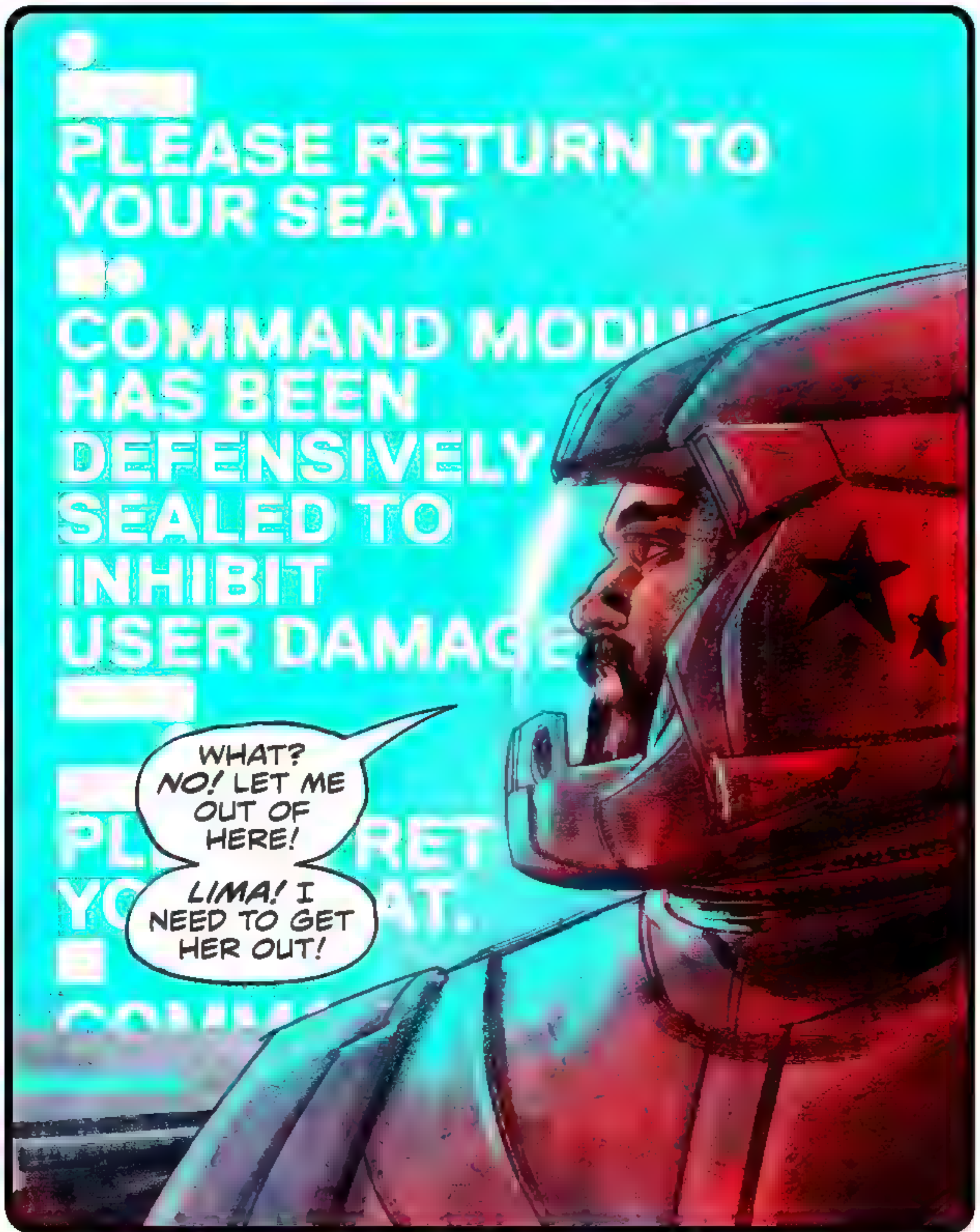
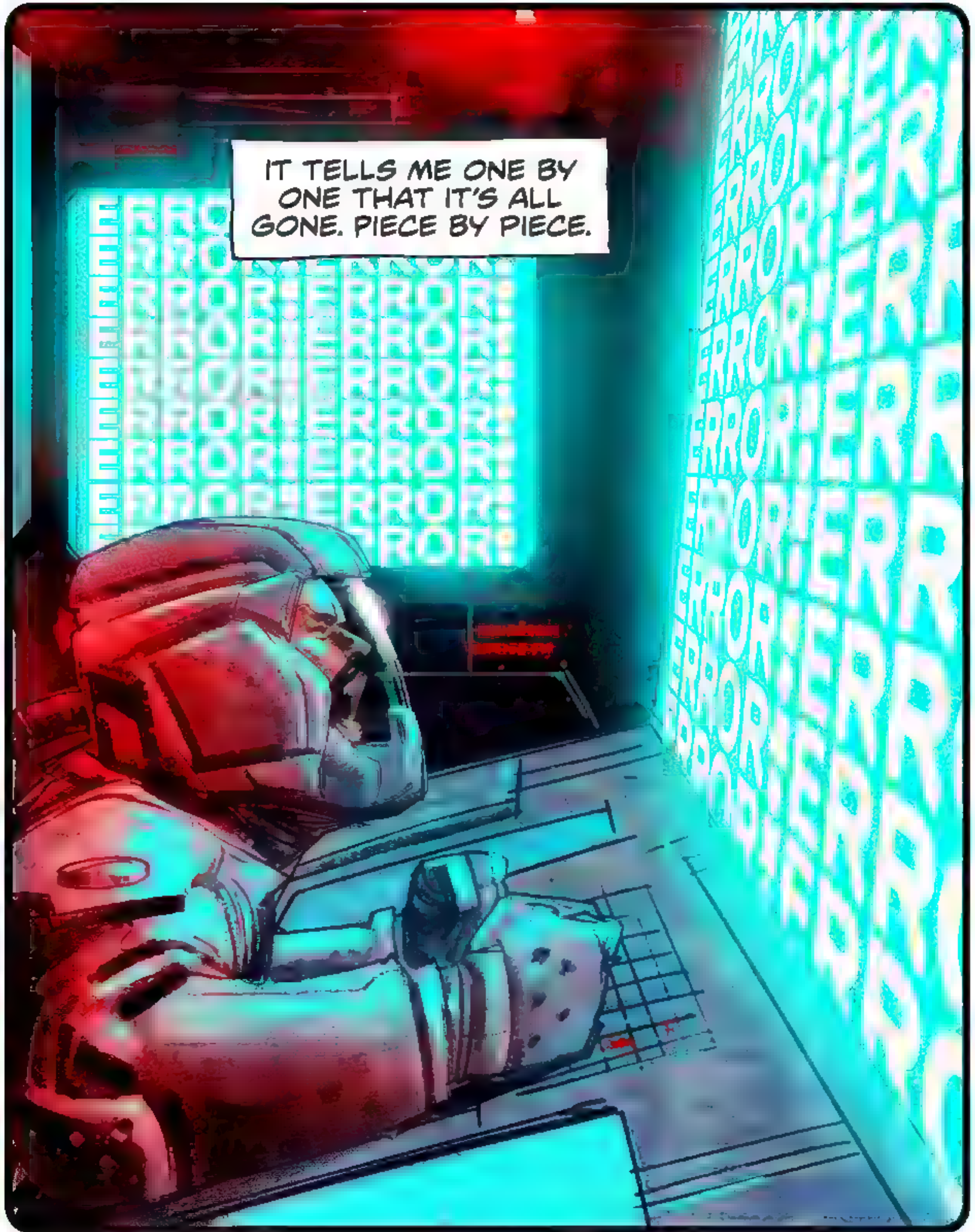
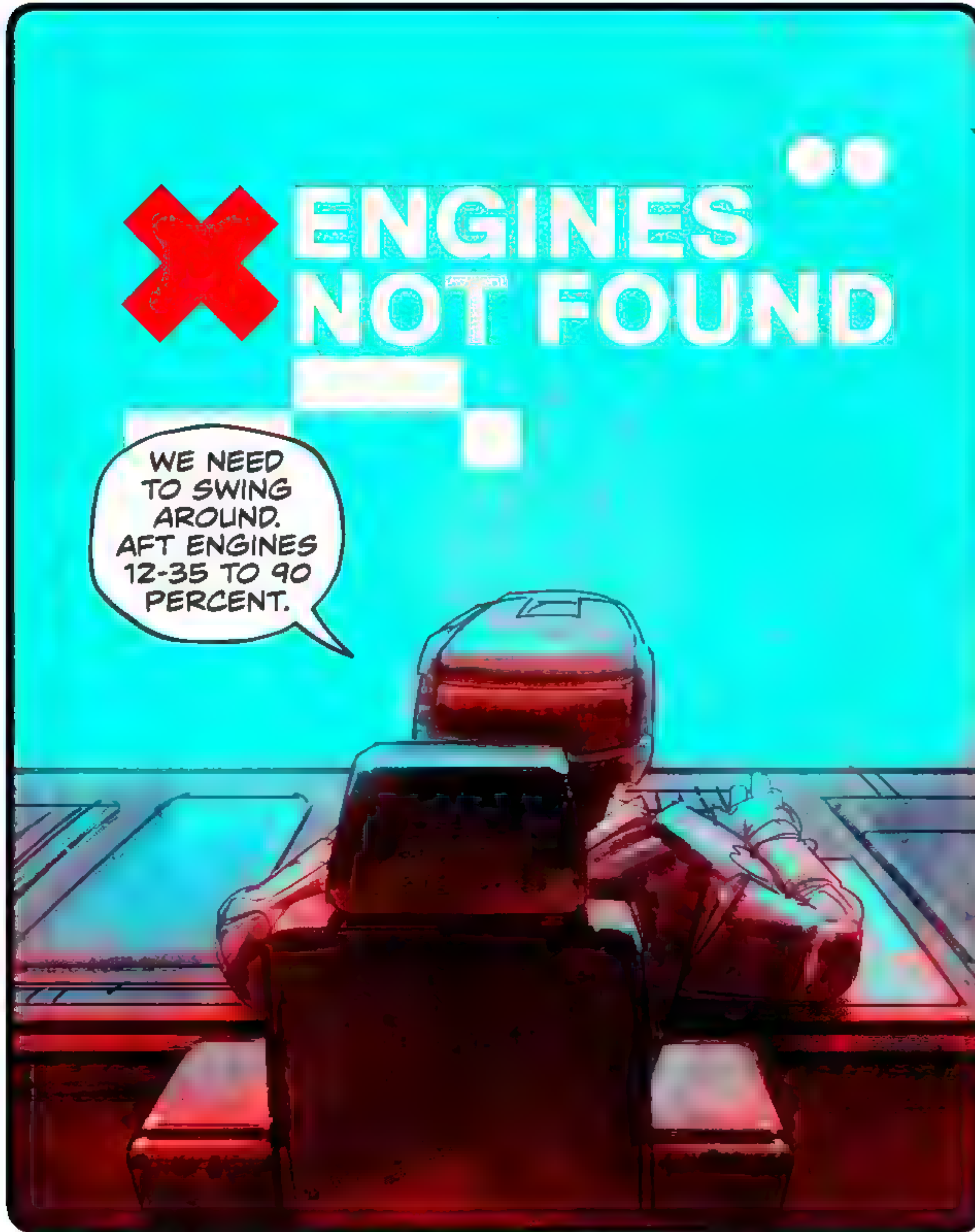






STARDATE:  
WHENEVER.  
WE HAVE NO  
PILOT NOW.

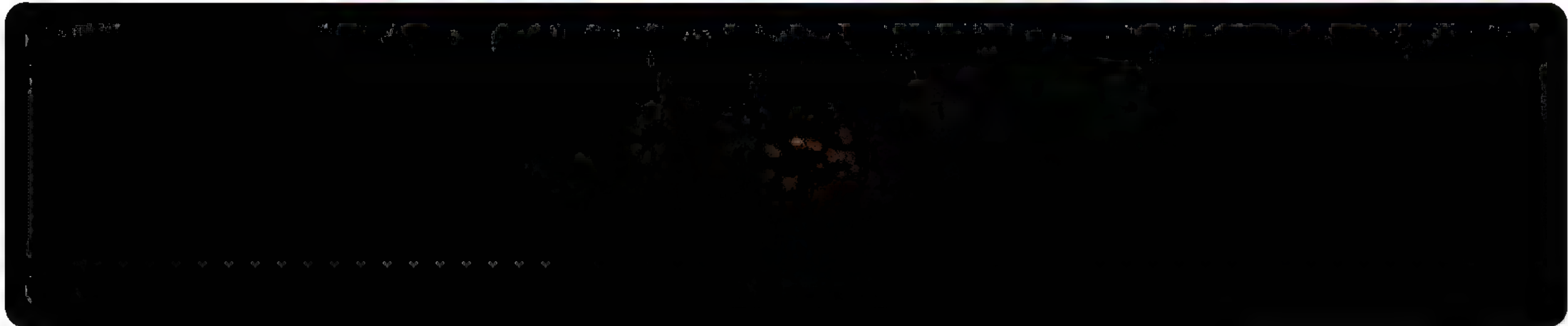




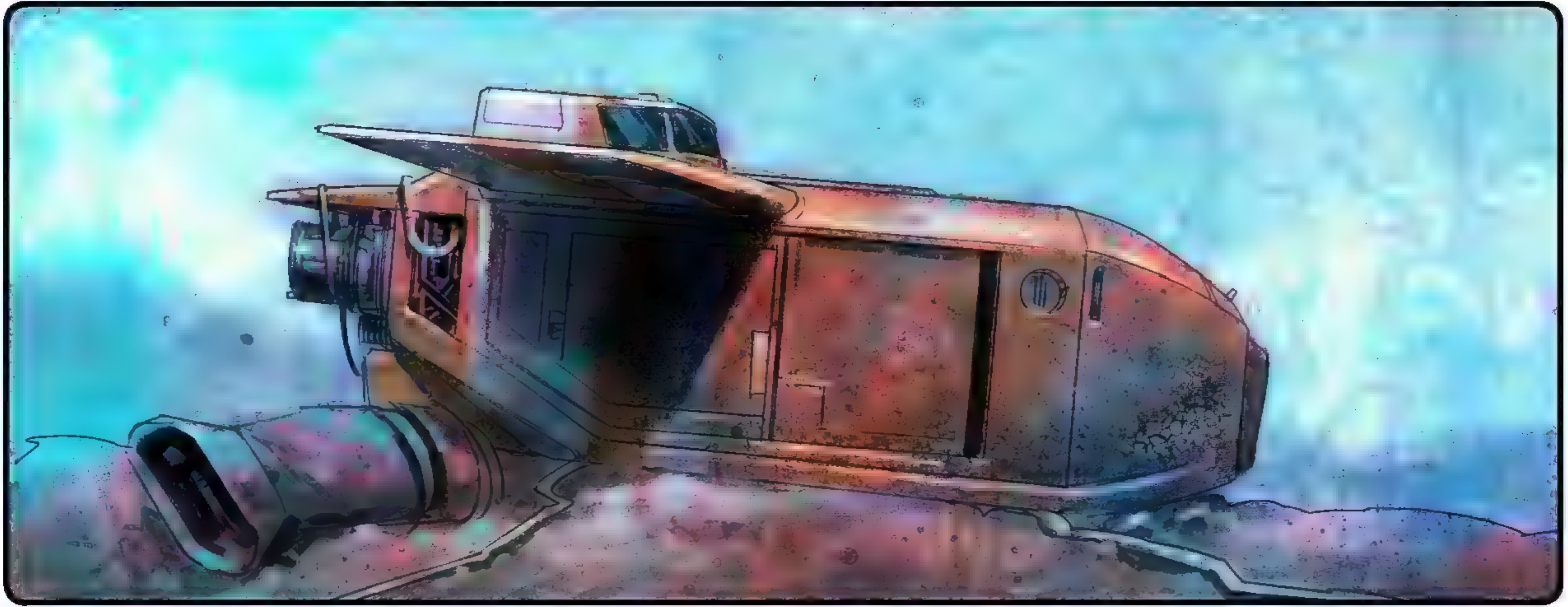




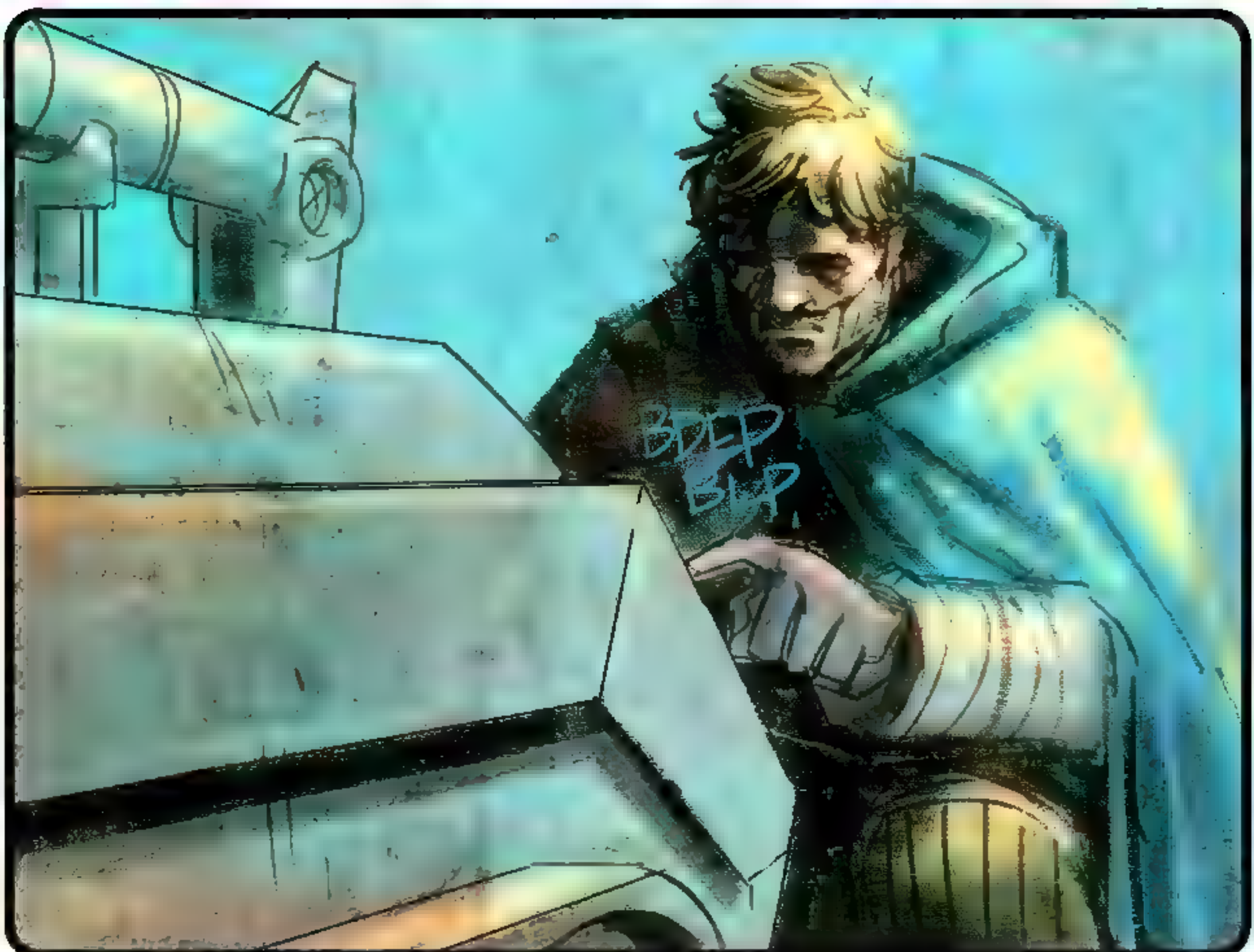
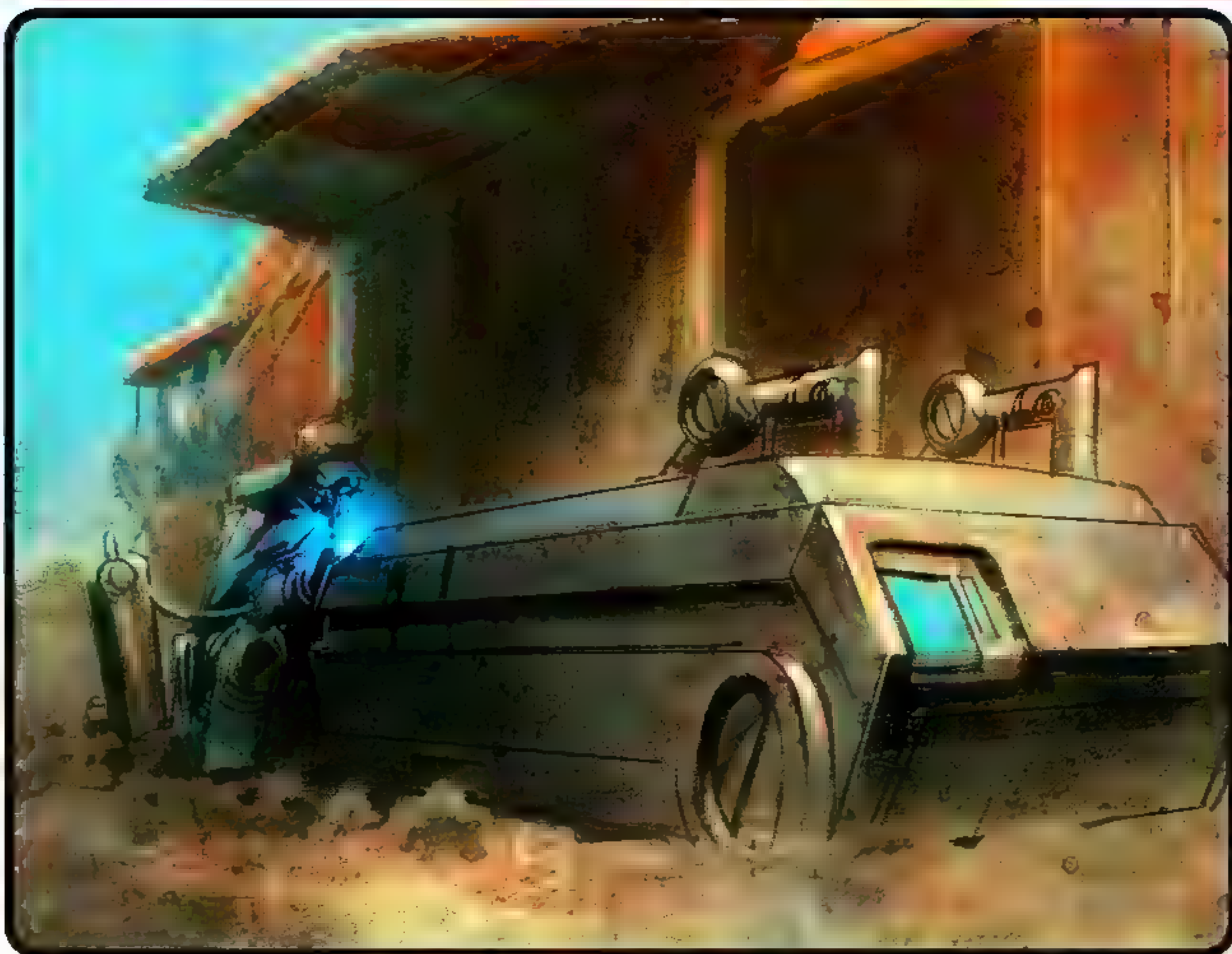




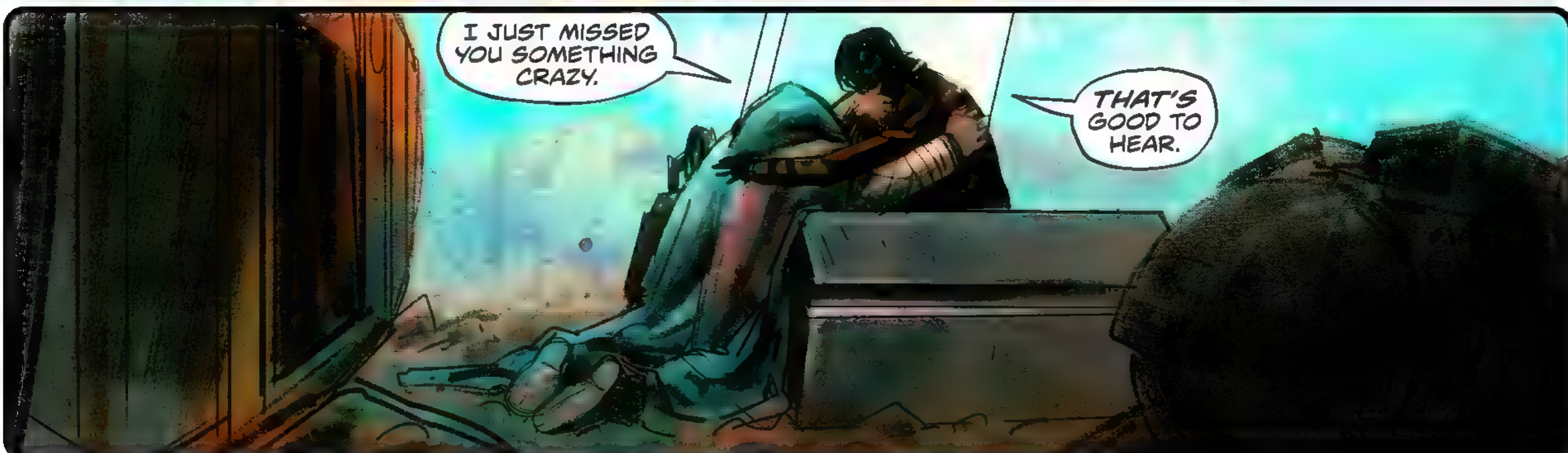
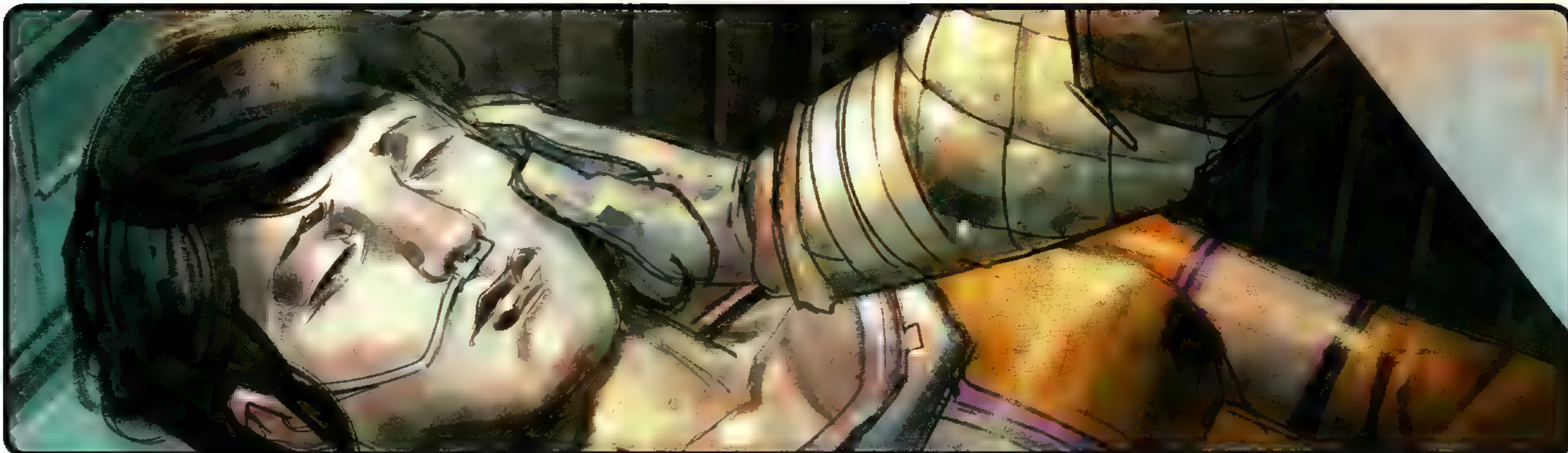
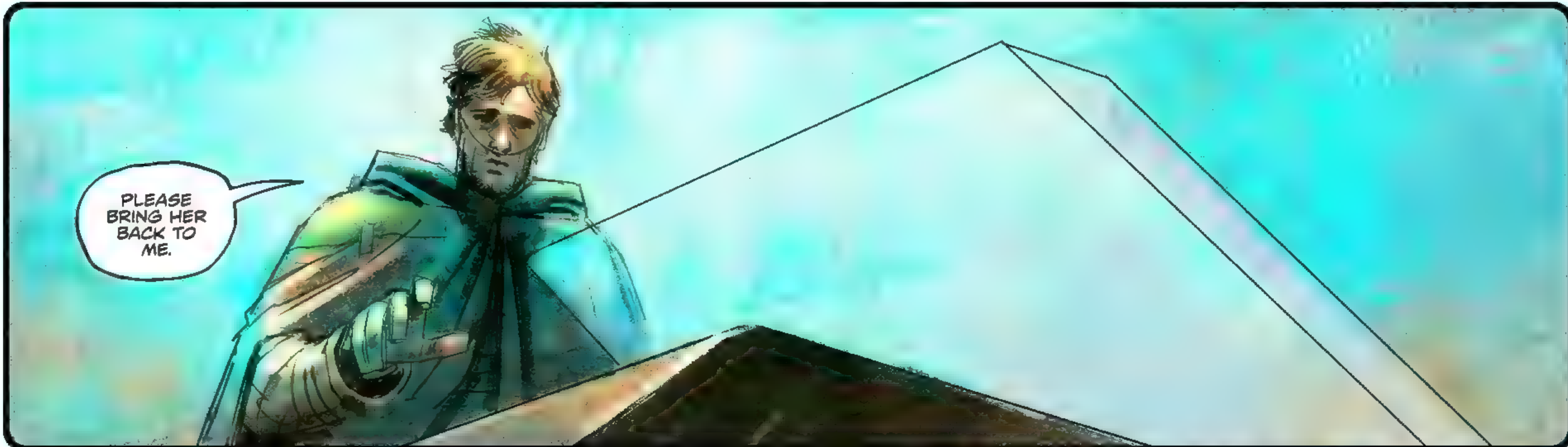










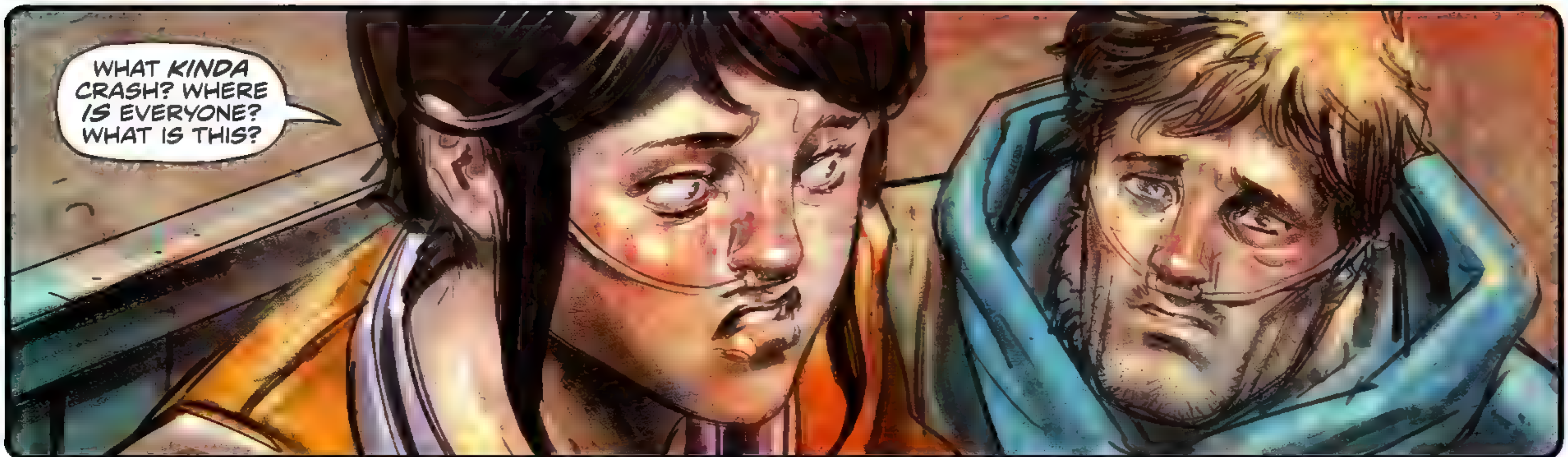






WAIT  
NOW, WHERE  
ARE WE? WHAT  
ARE THOSE  
SUNS?

DON'T MOVE  
TOO FAST, GINNY.  
LET YOUR BODY  
RECOVER. THERE  
WAS A CRASH.



WHAT KINDA  
CRASH? WHERE  
IS EVERYONE?  
WHAT IS THIS?



THE SHIP  
CRASHED OUT  
PAST A CLEARING  
THERE. NEAR THESE  
THREE ROCKS  
THAT CURL AROUND  
THEMSELVES.

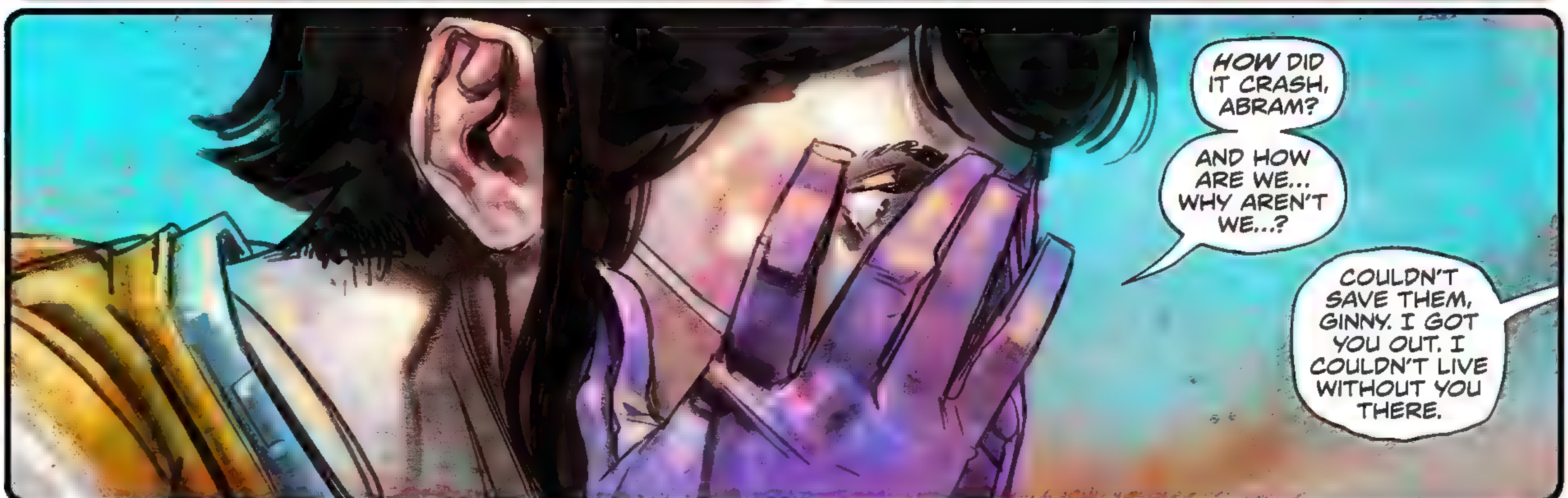
NOBODY  
MADE IT.



NOBODY...  
WHAT? I  
CAN'T...

I CAN'T  
BREATHE  
RIGHT.

DON'T  
OVERDO IT,  
GINNY. BREATHE  
THROUGH THAT  
TUBE, THE AIR  
IS WRONG  
HERE.



HOW DID  
IT CRASH,  
ABRAM?

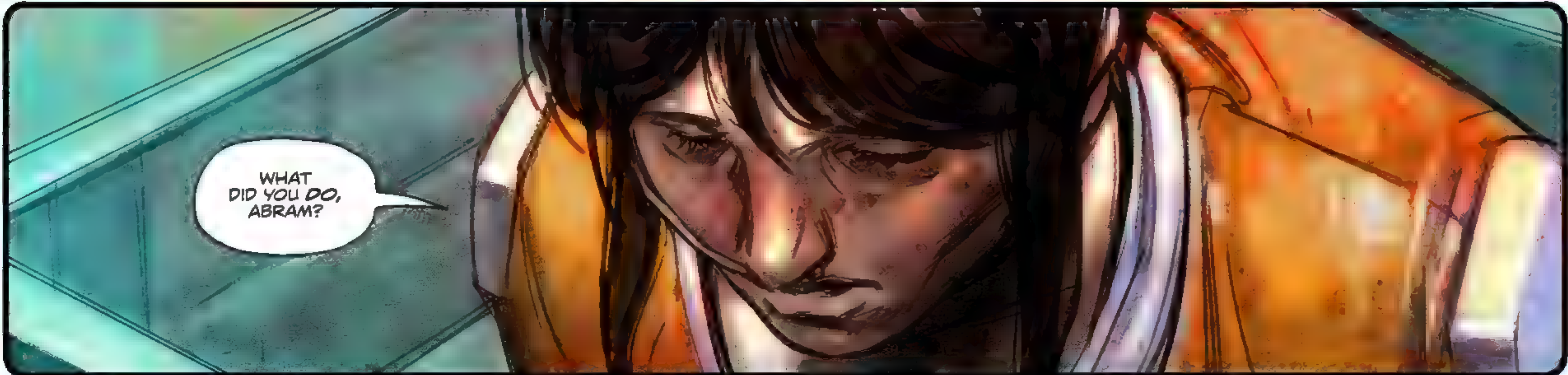
AND HOW  
ARE WE...  
WHY AREN'T  
WE...?

COULDN'T  
SAVE THEM,  
GINNY. I GOT  
YOU OUT. I  
COULDN'T LIVE  
WITHOUT YOU  
THERE.

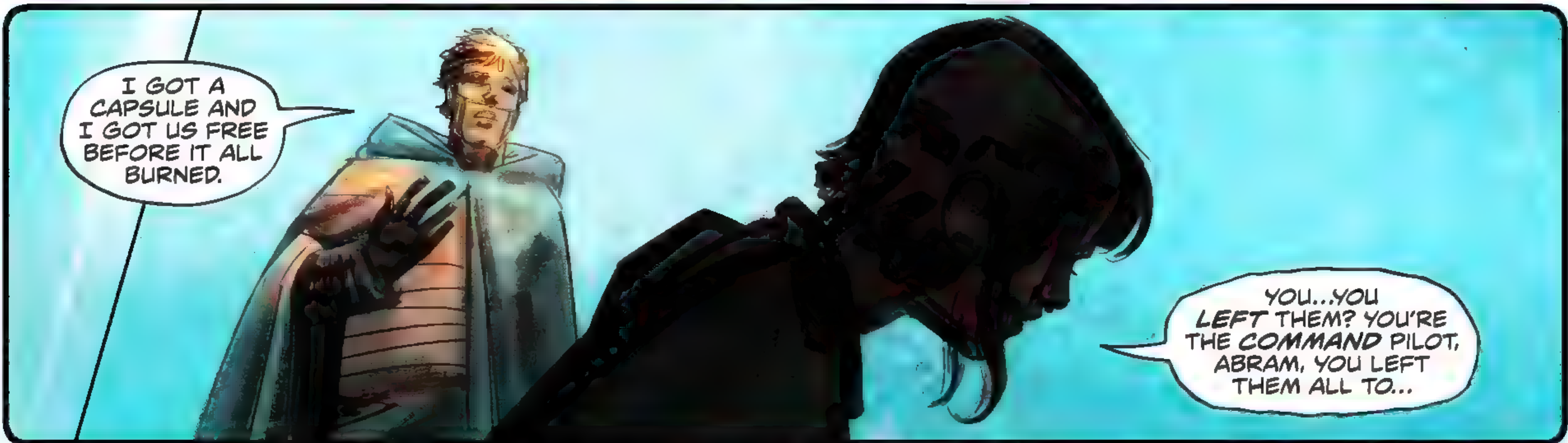




YOU...WHAT?  
HOW DID YOU  
SAVE...?



WHAT  
DID YOU DO,  
ABRAM?



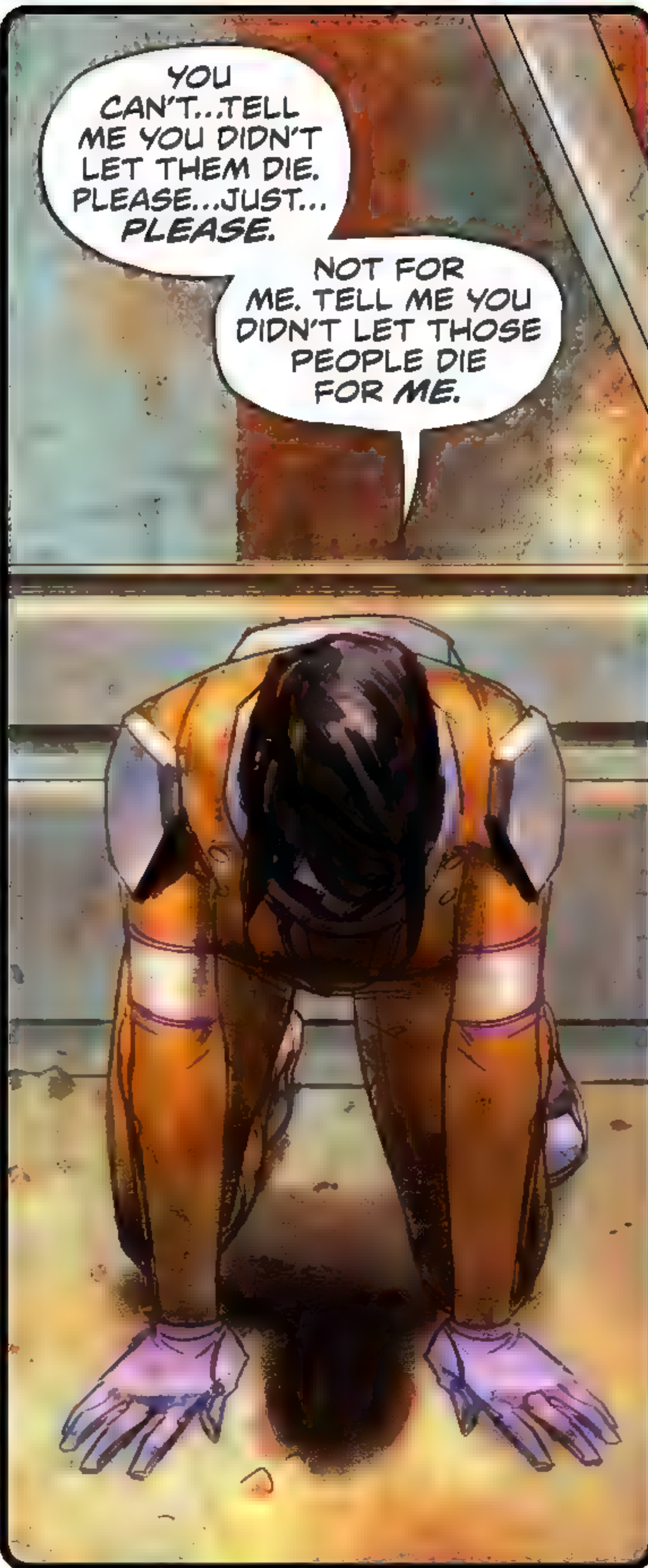
I GOT A  
CAPSULE AND  
I GOT US FREE  
BEFORE IT ALL  
BURNED.

YOU...YOU  
LEFT THEM? YOU'RE  
THE **COMMAND PILOT**,  
ABRAM, YOU LEFT  
THEM ALL TO...



EVERYBODY,  
ALL THOSE PEOPLE,  
ALL OUR...ALL OUR  
FRIENDS, YOU...

I SAVED  
YOU, GINNY.  
THAT WAS MY  
OWN CALLING,  
BEFORE ANY-  
ONE ELSE.



YOU  
CAN'T...TELL  
ME YOU DIDN'T  
LET THEM DIE.  
PLEASE...JUST...  
PLEASE.

NOT FOR  
ME. TELL ME YOU  
DIDN'T LET THOSE  
PEOPLE DIE  
FOR ME.



YOU AND ME,  
LISTEN...YOU AND  
ME ARE STILL HERE.  
YOU AND ME CAN  
GET THROUGH  
ANYTHING.

GIVE ME SOME  
SPACE, I CANNOT  
BREATHE. DON'T  
PUT YOUR HANDS  
ON ME...





WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

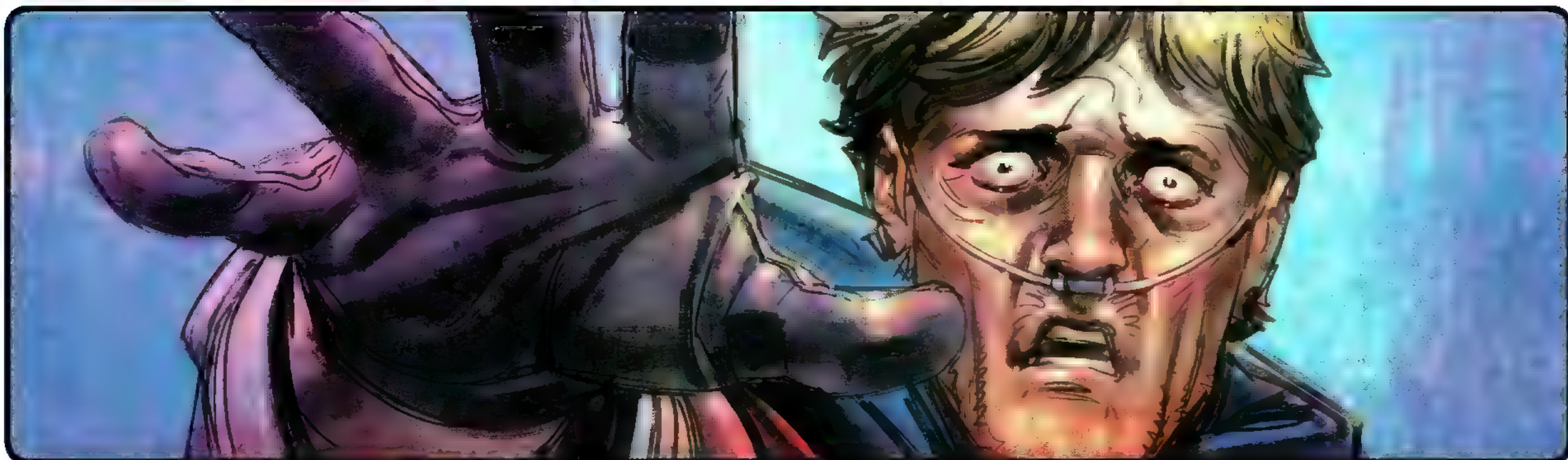
LORD FORGIVE ME.



ABRAM?



I WISH TO GOD I NEVER MET YOU.







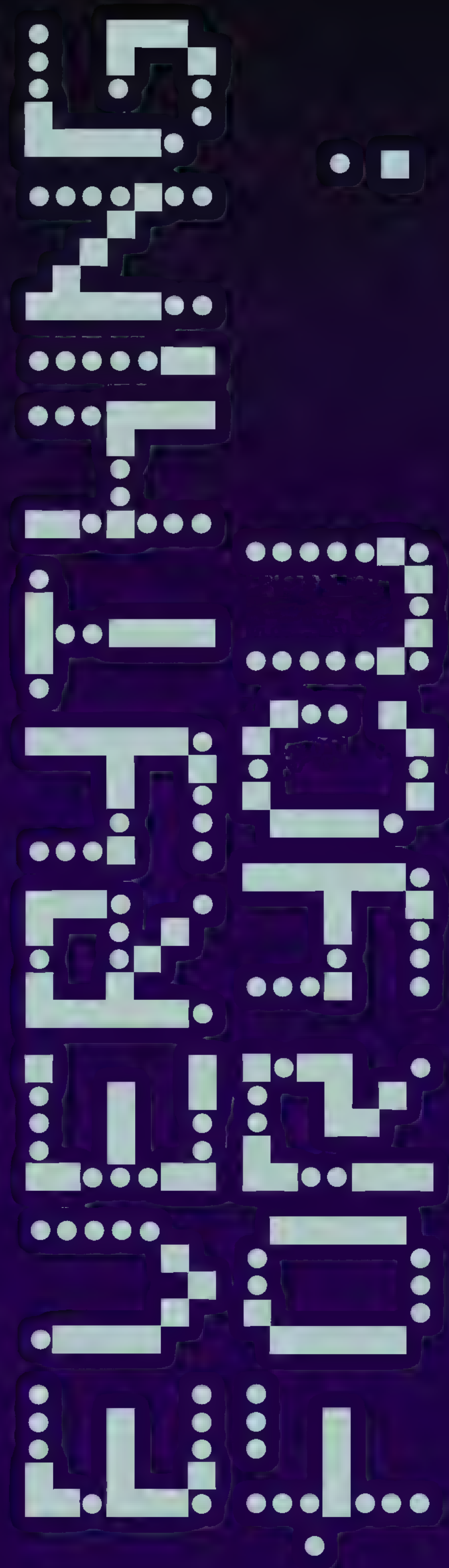
"OURO HAS WHAT'RE  
CALLED REFLECTIONS.

"BASICALLY--ANY  
KINDA CREATURE  
IN A STATE OF  
DISTRESS..."



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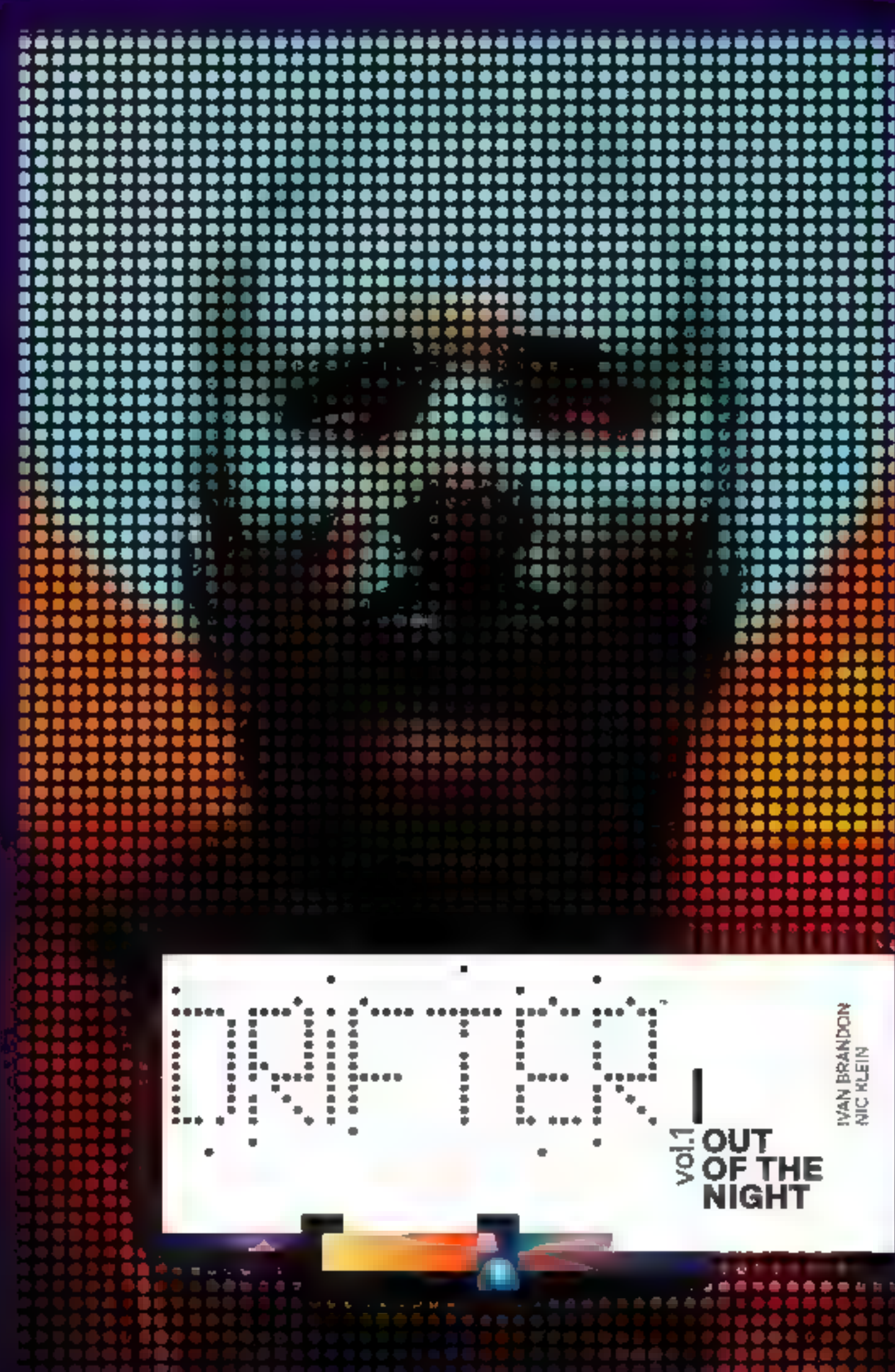
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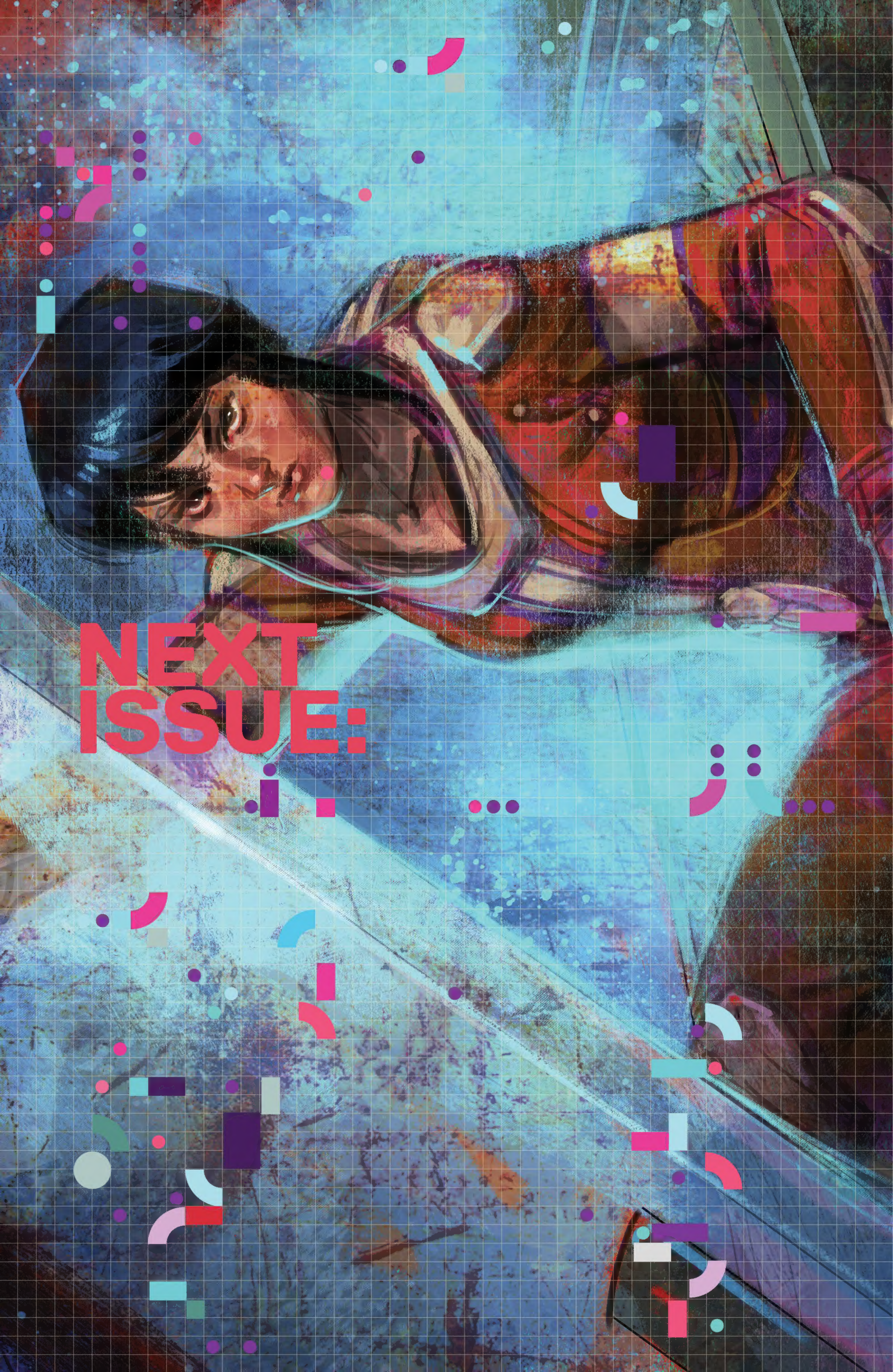






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